

Sea & Sage Audubon
UC Natural Reserve System Census Report Feb. 1, 2017

Species	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Total
WATERFOWL					
Canada Goose		12	8		20
Gadwall		2	6		8
American Wigeon		1			2
Mallard	18	10	11	8	47
Cinnamon Teal		25		4	29
Northern Shoveler		23	148	13	184
Northern Pintail			50		50
Green-winged Teal			35		35
Lesser/Greater Scaup			1		1
Bufflehead		1	1		2
Ruddy Duck		5	5		10
GREBES					
Pied-billed Grebe			4	3	7
Eared Grebe		1			1
CORMORANTS & PELICANS					
Double-crested Cormorant	527	5	4	1	537
American White Pelican	1				1
HERONS, EGRETS & IBIS					
White-faced Ibis		3	2		5
DIURNAL BIRDS OF PREY					
Turkey Vulture	6			1	7
Osprey				1	1
White-tailed Kite				1	2
Northern Harrier	2	1			3
Cooper's Hawk		1			1
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	1		1	3
Red-tailed Hawk	2		2	1	5
American Kestrel	3	1		1	5
RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS					
Virginia Rail		1			1
Sora		3			3
American Coot	8	29	13	4	54
PLOVERS					
Killdeer	2	18	15		35
STILTS & AVOCETS					
Black-necked Stilt			2		2
SANDPIPERS					
Greater Yellowlegs	1	11	3		15

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GULLS & TERNS					
Ring-billed Gull	1				6
Western Gull	25				25
gull sp.	1	3	1		5
PIGEONS & DOVES					
Mourning Dove	21	5	33	35	94
ROADUNNERS					
Greater Roadrunner			1		1
HUMMINGBIRDS					
Anna's Hummingbird	3		5	4	12
Allen's Hummingbird	4		4	4	12
KINGFISHERS					
Belted Kingfisher			1		1
WOODPECKERS					
Nuttall's Woodpecker	1	2		4	7
Downy Woodpecker		1		2	3
Northern Flicker	2				2
FLYCATCHERS					
Black Phoebe	3	5	1	2	11
Say's Phoebe	2	5	2	1	10
Cassin's Kingbird	1				1
SHRIKES					
Loggerhead Shrike		1			1
CORVIDS (Crows, Ravens, Jays)					
American Crow	1			11	12
Common Raven		2			2
Western Scrub-Jay				1	1
SWALLOWS					
Tree Swallow		12			12
BUSHTITS & WRENTITS					
Bushtit			5	42	47
WRENS					
Bewick's Wren			1		1
House Wren			1		1
Marsh Wren		7	17	7	31

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GNATCATCHERS & KINGLETS					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	5			7	12
California Gnatcatcher	3		7	1	11
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1	5	6
THRUSHES					
Hermit Thrush		1			1
Mountain Bluebird				8	8
MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS					
Northern Mockingbird				5	5
STARLINGS & PIPITS					
European Starling	2	20	40	2	64
American Pipit		75			75
WARBLERS					
Common Yellowthroat	11	4	5	2	22
Yellow-rumped Warbler	3		1	10	14
TOWHEES & SPARROWS					
Spotted Towhee	1	2	1	3	7
California Towhee	1		2	4	7
Song Sparrow	33	33	16	16	98
Lincoln's Sparrow				1	1
White-crowned Sparrow	26	41	32	64	163
Golden-crowned Sparrow				7	7
BLACKBIRDS					
Red-winged Blackbird	2	10	52	7	71
Western Meadowlark	1		6		7
Great-tailed Grackle		1			1
FINCHES					
House Finch	8	6	2	13	29
EXOTICS					
Egyptian Goose	5				5

Monthly Census conducted by Sea & Sage Audubon

Area 1: Sediment Pond & Ponds 1, 2, 3 (Sally Menzel, Sandy Smith, Margaret Renton, Nancy Kenyon)

Area 2: Ponds 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 (Sharon Harrow, Mark Kincheloe, Lena Hayashi)

Area 3: The Bluff Area (Jan Gaffney, Sheila Harlow, Maureen Myers, Nancy Kappelmann)

Area 4: The Arboretum (Darrell Wilson, Jim Stacy, Jerry Tolman)

It was a wintry morning with dark misty gray clouds and no sunlight. It was very cold – in the mid 40's with no breeze, the leafless trees showed up starkly against the cloudy sky, and the patches of emerald green grass

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were clear evidence of recent rains. The clouds kept getting lower, often obscuring the distant buildings and making the area seem very isolated. Several raptors perching in the bare trees were silhouetted against the sky. A few frogs croaked from nearby ponds but most of the songbirds were quiet. Large numbers of Double-crested Cormorants flew silently over the marsh from the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, heading toward Newport Bay. Some flew in "V" formation, while others were in long horizontal or vertical lines. They were in groups of varying sizes, 23, 45, 11, 8, 40, 83, etc. As many of the groups flew over, there were often 1 or 2 birds at the end of the group, flying quickly to catch up. The cormorant flights began around 7:30 and lasted until 8:15. (We found out later that they roost on islands at ponds 1 and 2 in the SJWS, fly to the bay in the morning to feed, returning in late afternoon; we counted a total of 527 birds making the trip.) There were several Northern Harriers at work searching for prey, flying low over the dry brown reeds. There were 10 sp. of ducks, no herons or egrets, 8 sp. of raptors, and 15 Greater Yellowlegs. The Loggerhead Shrike, Greater Roadrunner, and California Scrub Jay were found, as well as the 8 Mountain Bluebirds by the Arboretum which were still there from last month.